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SUBJECT: GREECE AND NATO: MEETING OF THIRTEEN PERMREPS ON GREEK
WITHDRAWAL

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B. USNATO 5076

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: PRIVATE MEETING OF THIRTEEN PERMREPS PLUS ONE
(LESS GREECE AND FRANCE) WAS CHAIRED BY SYG LUNS ON SEPTEMBER 23
TO DISCUSS FURTHER HOW TO DEAL WITH GREEK WITHDRAWAL ISSUE BEFORE
HIS MEETING THAT AFTERNOON WITH GREEK AMBASSADOR CHORAFAS.

THRIKISH REP (UNDER INSTRUCTIONS) SAID
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GREEKS SHOULD NOT CONTINUE PARTICIPATING IN NPG OR MILCOM UNDER
PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. THE BELGIAN, GERMAN AND CANADIAN REPS
GENERALLY AGREED THAT NATO SHOULD CLARIFY GREEK STATUS SOON
LEST DELAY MAKE THE NEGOTIATIONS HARDER. BRITISH, ITALIAN,

DANISH AND DUTCH REPS FAVORED GOING SLOWLY AND NOT FORCING GREEKS TO PREMATURE DECISIONS. U.S. PRE STRONGLY OPPOSED PUSHING GREEKS AND UGED

LEEETING THEM TAKE INITIATIVE. LUNS WANTED TO EXPLAIN CONFUSED SITUATION TO CHORAFAS AND CLARIFY GREEK STATUS IN NATO BODIES LIKE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE. MILCOM CHAIRMAN FAVORED CONINTUED GREEK PARTICIPATION IN MILCOM AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE. END SUMMARY.

3. CITING REPORT OF GREEK ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER RATHER THAN IN APRIL, LUNS SAID FONMIN MAVROS HAD TOLD HIM IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH GREEKS BEFORE ELECTIONS, SINCE IF A MORE LEFTIST GOVERNMENT RESULTED, NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE MORE DIFFICULT. HARTOGH (NETHERLANDS) THOUGHT THAT IN LIGHT OF EXPECTED NOVEMBER ELECTIONS IT WAS IMPORTANT TO GIVE GREEKS TIME AND NOT PRESS FOR DECISIONS BY GOG UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTIONS. ERALP(TURKEY) UNDER INSTRUCTIONS SAID IT WAS URGENT TO CLARIFY GREECE'S STATUS IN NATO.

4. LUNS FELT TIME HAD COME FOR HIM AS SYG TO CLARIFY OFFICIALLY WITH GREEK GOVERNMENT ITS RELATIONSHIP TO NATO. ALTHOUGH HE WHISHED TO HOLD OPEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY FOR GREEK RETURN TO THE NATO INTEGRATED STRUCTURE, GREECE COULD NOT UNILATERALLY DECIDE ON ITS RELATIONSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE VARIOUS BODIES OF THE ALLIANCE. MONETARY QUESTIONS MADE IT IMPORTANT TO CLARIFY, GREECE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NATO INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM.

5. LUNS PLANNED TO TELL CHORAFAS OATERNOON SEPTEMBER 23 THAT NATO DOES NOT WANT TO PUT GREECE IN A DIFFICULT POSITION AND IT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IF THE GOG WISHES TO NEGOTIATE AT A SOMEWHAT LATER DATE. HE WOULD NOT THAT PRESENT GREEK SITUATION REMAINS ANOMALOUS AND URGE THAT GOG NOT TAKE PROVISIONAL DECISIONS NOW WHICH MIGHT MAKE LATER DECISIONS MORE DIFFICULT. FURTHERMORE, IF GREECE WERE PREPARED TO REMAIN IN NATO BODIES, E.G., INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM, THEY WOULD BE EXPECTED TO CONTRIBUTE THEIR SHARE. HE WANTS TO GIVE GOG TIME TO REFLECT ON THEIR DECISIONS BUT WILL REMIND SECRET

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CHORAFAS THAT OTHER ALLIED GOVERNMENTS ARE INTERESTED IN GREEK THINKING AND INTENTIONS.

6. HILL-NORTON (MILCOM) THOUGHT IT MOST IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE GREEK REPRESENTATION ON THE MILCOM FOR THE DURATION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ON GREEK WITHDRAWAL, AS GREECE HAD OFFICIALLY REQUESTED. HE NOTED THAT THE PRESENT GREEK MILREP IS HIGHLY EXPERIENCED AND A USEFUL LINK TO THE GOG. HE ALSO THOUGHT IT NOT ILLOGICAL TO HAVE THE GREEKS REMAIN ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE AND SAID THAT HIS VIEWS EXPRESSED THE THINKING OF THE MILCOM. IN RESPONSE TO MCAULIFFE'S QUESTIONS, HILL-NORTON SAID THAT ALL GREEK MILITARY OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF ARE ON DUTY AND DOING THEIR JOBS. HE ALSO SAID THAT GREEK OFFICERS ARE ON DUTY

AT SHAPE AND THAT, ALTHOUGH GREEK NATIONAL MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE
AT SHAPE HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED IN NORMAL REASSIGNMENT
PROCESS , HIS OFFICE STAFF CONTINUES TO FUNCTION NORMALLY AND
A REPLACEMENT IS EXPECTED SOON.

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7. DESTAERCKE(BELGIUM) THOUGHT THAT WE SHOULD "KEEP ARMS OPEN"
FOR RETURN OF GREEKS, BUT LOGICALLY MUST QUESTION CONTINUED GOG
PRESENCE ON DPC AND MILCOM GROUPS. HE THOUGHT IT DESIRABLE TO
LOOK AT PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH GREECE AND GET CLARIFICATION.
BOSS (GERMANY) AND ROY(CANADA) AGREED GENERALLY WITH DE STAERCKE.

8. CATALANO (ITALY) SAID GREECE'S SITUATION DIFFERENT FROM
FRANCE'S POSITION ON WITHDRAWAL, WHICH WAS WELL THOUGHT
OUT. HE ADVISED NOT PUSHING GOG AND KEEPING DOOR OPEN FOR THEIR
RETURN, STRESSING THAT IALY IS CONCERNED AT PROSPECT OF TAKING
UP SLACK RESULTING FROM GREEK PULL-OUT. PECK (UK) SAID ALLIES
SHOULD NOT CLOSE ANY DOOR TO GREECE. HE SAID EUROPEAN ALLIES
SHOULD GUARD AGAINST FORCING GREEKS OUT OF EUROGROUP SINCE THIS
WOULD ADD CREDENCE TO FRENCH CHARGE THAT EUROGROUP WAS A TOOL OF
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9. MCAULIFFE (US), FULLY DRAWING ON REF A, AS REPORTED IN HIS CALL ON SYG LUNS ON SEPTEMBER 18 (REF B), EMPHASIZED THE U.S. DESIRE NOT TO PUSH THE GREEKS BUT ALLOW THEM TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE WHERE THEY CHOOSE TO DO SO ON REDEFINING THEIR STATUS. HE SCOUTED IDEA OF USING FRENCH MODEL FOR DEALING WITH GREEK WITHDRAWAL. HE MAINTAINED THAT CONTINUED GREEK MEMBERSHIP IN THE MILCOM COULD PROVIDE A STABILIZING INFLUENCE, A MEANS FOR COORDINATING GREEK MILITARY ACTIONS WITH THE ALLIANCE, AND A HELP IN MAINTAINING BILATERAL FACILITIES IN GREECE. HE QUESTIONED STATEMENTS BY SYG LUNS AND ERALP THAT THE GREEKS MIGHT PROVE OBSTRUCTIONIST IF PERMITTED TO REMAIN IN CERTAIN NATO BODIES, E.G., MILCOM, NOTING THAT FRENCH REGULARLY ATTEND NAC MEETINGS ON MBFR WHERE THEY LISTEN BUT DO NOT SPEAK, AND VERY PRESENCE OF FRANCE IS OF VALUE TO THE ALLIANCE. IF GREEKS WERE TO BECOME OBSTRUCTIONIST, MCAULIFFE SAID THE PROBLEM COULD BE DEALT WITH. HE SAID THAT CONTINUED GREEK ASSOCIATION WITH THE NPG IS USEFUL, AND IT REVEALS THEIR PERCEPTION OF THEIR STAKE IN THE ALLIANCE.

10. LUNS SAID THAT INTERNATIONAL STAFF WAS WORKING ON THE "INVENTORY" WHICH WOULD SOON BE HANDED TO THE GREEK GOVERNMENT. WHILE NOT EXHAUSTIVE, IT WOULD INDICATE RANGE OF NATO-GREEK ARRANGEMENTS THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED. LUNS SAID THAT "INVENTORY" WILL NOT DEAL WITH BILATERAL FACILITIES IN GREECE SUCH AS THOSE OF THE U.S. MCAULIFFE ASKED IF THE "INVENTORY" WOULD BE GIVEN THE GREEKS WITHOUT PERMREP CONSULTATION. LUNS SAID THAT HE WOULD SEND IT TO PERMREPS BEFORE IT WAS TURNED OVER TO GREEKS.

1. IN HIS SUMMATION, SYG LUNS NOTED THAT ALLIES AGREE THAT NATO SHOULD NOT SHUT THE DOOR ON GREECE AND THAT GOG SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO COME BACK TO THE FOLD WHENEVER THEY SEE FIT. TURKISH PERMREP, ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS CAPITAL, AGAIN TOOK HARD LINE AGAINST GREEKS REMAINING IN NPG, DPC, MILCOM, OR THEIR SUBORDINATE BODIES. SYG THEN SAID HE FEELS THAT IT IS INCUMBENT UPON HIM TO ACT NOW TO CLARIFY GREEK RELATIONSHIP. HE ALSO EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT IT IS IN NATO'S INTEREST TO COME TO TERMS WITH THE PRESENT GREEK GOVERNMENT, BOTH FROM THE STANDPOINT OF GREEK DOMESTIC POLITICS AND FROM THE STANDPOINT OF BEING CONFRONTED WITH A MORE DIFFICULT NEGOTIATING SITUATION AFTER THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS. WHILE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT STRONG CON-
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CERN EXPRESSED BY U.S. AND CERTAIN OTHERS, SYG LUNS SAID HE PLANNED TO TALK TO CHORAFAS ALONG LINES IN PARAGRAPH 5 OABOVE. MCAULIFFE AGAIN INTERVENED TO SAY THAT U.S. OPPOSES ANY ACTION THAT WOULD PUSH GOG TOWARD MAKING DECISIONS NOW. LUNS RESPONDED SHARPLY THAT HE DID NOT DISAGREE AND ENDED MEETING ABRUPTLY, CUTTING OFF FURTHER DISCUSSIONS.
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